



March 10, 2015

Dear Sponsors and Individual Members:

Enclosed you will find everything you need to begin preparations to attend the 53rd Annual KJHS Conference on **April 24-25th** at the **University of Kentucky**. All activities will take place in the **Barker Hall and the Classroom Building** located at **120 Patterson Drive, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506**. Information about parking will be sent out prior to the Conference and will be available on our [website](#). There are a number of food options located around campus and the campus student center will be open, as well.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting this year's **Friday, April 24** evening event at the [Henry Clay Estate](#). The event will be from **5:30pm-7:30pm**. Students will have the opportunity to have a guided tour of the Estate. Refreshments will be provided.

Please also note that this year's conference hotel is the **Hilton/Lexington Downtown**. Reservation information is enclosed in this packet.

Please be aware that all sign-up sheets and nomination forms **must** be into the state office by **April 10, 2015**. Please see the attached information for all the ways in which your students can participate at the Conference. **National History Day State Contest registration information is also included.**

Note on Youth Division History Day Contest: If your students will be participating in the Elementary Division History Day contest on **April 25th**, please note that students will be expected to be with their projects as they are reviewed by judges. Times will be assigned. Each student will need to be with their project no longer than **five** minutes. This is so students can answer any questions the reviewers may have about their project, but it will not impact final results.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

The following forms/fees are due by Friday, April 10, 2015:

Checklist:

- _____ Registration form & check
- _____ Annual Club Report
- _____ History Bowl, History Test, Impromptu Exhibit and Impromptu Composition sign-up sheets
- _____ Award Nomination forms

If you haven't yet mailed in your 2015 dues but still plan to join, contact me as soon as possible.



Registration Form

53rd Annual KJHS Conference

April 24th-25th, 2015

University of Kentucky

School

Address

Sponsor and/or Adult Chaperone(s)

Phone number:

Email:

Number of student members attending _____ x \$15 = _____

Please enclose **\$15.00 per student** (parents, teachers, and sponsors ***do not*** pay this fee). This fee helps offset the cost of the conference facilities rental, refreshments for students, and competition materials.

Number of student members attending the Friday evening event at the Henry Clay Estate (Free Event)

****Make check payable to **KJHS******

Mail to:

Cheryl Caskey

Kentucky Junior Historical Society

100 West Broadway

Frankfort, KY 40601

DUE April 10, 2015



Lodging

NOTE: Make your hotel reservations sooner rather than later. Rooms at many of the hotels go quickly, so don't wait until late April to make your plans!!

Hilton Lexington/Downtown (859-231-9000) \$199+tax
(block held until 3/24/2015)

Ask for rooms under the name: Kentucky Junior Historical Society

369 West Vine Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Parking: \$8.00/day (garage)

Amenities: pool

There are other hotels available in Lexington. Blocks of rooms have not been secured at these, but you are welcome to make reservations on your own. If you need additional information about other available hotels, contact me at cheryl.caskey@ky.gov or at (502) 564-1792, ext. 4461.



Kentucky Junior Historical Society Conference

The annual KJHS Conference is held each spring for all members of KJHS and includes various academic challenges, social activities, the state contest for National History Day in Kentucky, and an awards ceremony. It is a great opportunity for members to showcase the work they have been doing throughout the year and meet other members from across the state. **This year's conference will be held at the University of Kentucky on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, 2015.**

Friday Activities: April 24, 2015

Elementary Division: Grades K-5

Junior Division: Grades 6-8

Senior Division: Grades 9-12

Kentucky History Exhibit Competition

(Elementary, Junior, Senior). Groups only (Up to 5 students). Clubs can have more than one team per division.

Students will have 60 minutes to use a selection of primary sources to create an exhibit project. Each group will develop a topic using their primary sources. The group must then work to develop a thesis statement about their topic using the primary sources to support their statement. Groups will visually arrange their sources to make their topic, thesis and supporting points clear to the viewer.

To prepare, we encourage students and teachers to take advantage of the primary sources activities available online at www.history.ky.gov. These can be used to help students understand how to use primary sources. Use them to help students practice developing thesis statements. **Please also see the included Exhibit Design Activity for ways to prepare in class.**

Kentucky History Test

(Elementary, Junior, Senior). Individual only.

Students will have one hour to complete the History Test. **It will be a mix of multiple choice and short answer questions that relate to Kentucky History.** They will be provided with documents with which to answer the questions.



Kentucky History Impromptu Composition (Elementary, Junior, Senior). Individual only.

A timed, on-the-spot essay that will pertain to Kentucky history. Students will answer a question on a Kentucky subject using provided primary source(s) as support. Prior to the conference, a general topic or time period (i.e. Daniel Boone, Abraham Lincoln, the Shakers, Antebellum, Civil War, etc.) to study will be announced for each division.

Student essays will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Organization – 20%
- Clarity of argument – 25%
- Analysis/Interpretation – 30%
- Connection to source – 25%

Note on the Kentucky History Test and Impromptu Composition: No notes allowed.

Kentucky History Bowl (Elementary, Junior, Senior). Group only. Clubs can have more than one team per division.

A quick-recall tournament held during the conference for teams of four members and one alternate. Questions will be related to Kentucky history and **will not feature current events**. To study and prepare, students are encouraged to use the *Kentucky Encyclopedia* or **any Kentucky History textbook**.



Saturday Activities: April 25, 2015

National History Day in Kentucky (NHDKy) State Contest

KJHS members that have advanced from a regional contest earlier in the year are eligible to attend the NHDKy state contest during the KJHS Conference weekend. 6th-12th grade students are competing to advance to the national contest in June. We encourage all NHDKy participants to participate in Friday's activities as KJHS members.

National History Day in Kentucky Categories (3rd-12th Grade)

Paper (individual only) (only 6th-12th grade)

Exhibit

Documentary (only 6th-12th grade)

Performance

Website

A note about the NHDKy Elementary Division (3rd-5th grade)

The Elementary division competition, created specifically for NHDKy, will take place at the regional competitions and KJHS Conference. The Elementary division competition is open to 3rd-5th grade students. Participants in this division will not be able to advance to the national competition, as there is no elementary component at that level. **Competition at the regional level will not be required to advance to the state contest, but we encourage you to consider it so that your students have an opportunity to have their project reviewed before.**

Project Guidelines

- Students may work individually or in a group of up to five students.
- Can submit an **exhibit, performance or website**.
- To create a website, students should use www.nhd.weebly.com.
- The topic needs to be related to the theme *Leadership and Legacy in History*.

Judging Process

- Students will be assigned a specific judging time
- They will stay with their project while judges spend a few minutes review them
- Judges may take this time to ask students a few questions about their projects
 - For example:
 - Why they chose their project?
 - What was an interesting source they found?



- What was the most difficult part of their research?

NHDKy State Contest Registration Information

Teachers with junior and senior division students who advanced from a regional contest will need to go to **ky.nhd.org** and select the 2015 Kentucky State Contest to confirm registration for those students who are planning to attend.

Teachers with elementary division students who did not compete at a regional competition, but who would like to compete at the state contest will need to go to **ky.nhd.org** and create their profile. Registration instructions can be found on our [website](#).



Annual KJHS Awards List

Presented at conference awards ceremony, Saturday, April 25, 2015

Outstanding KJHS Member

This award will be presented to the member of KJHS who exhibits exceptional leadership and involvement in his or her local club or community. It is **not** limited to local or state officers. The award will be given based on the nomination form, which must be signed by the club sponsor. A club may nominate **one person** for this award. The member must be in good standing with his/her club and the state KJHS office. Individual members must be nominated by a sponsoring adult.

Outstanding Youth KJHS Member

This award will be presented to the **K-5** KJHS member who exhibits exceptional leadership and involvement in his or her local club. It is **not** limited to local or state officers. The award will be given based on the nomination form, which must be signed by the club sponsor. A club may nominate **one person** for this award. The member must be in good standing with his/her chapter and the state KJHS office. Individual members must be nominated by a sponsoring adult.

KJHS Leadership Award

This award will be presented to a KJHS member who has been an **active** member for more than **three** years and served at least **one** year as an officer at the school or state level. The nominee will have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to their club and to KJHS; through community service efforts, organizational leadership, consistent and dedicated participation in activities and events.

Club of the Year

This award will be presented to a club of KJHS that has exhibited the greatest activity, dedication and involvement with the KJHS over the past year. To be considered, your club must have kept regular contact with the KJHS state office throughout the year regarding your activities.

Rookie Club of the Year

This award will be presented to the new KJHS club that has exhibited the greatest activity, dedication and involvement with the KJHS over the past year. To be considered, your club must have kept regular contact with the KJHS state office throughout the year regarding your activities.

Sponsor of the Year

Local club officers and members may choose to nominate their sponsor for this award. Award will be based on the sponsor's promotion of club activities, demonstration of leadership skills and dedication to furthering KJHS's purposes.



2015 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Due: April 10, 2015

Mail to: KJHS, 100 West Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601

All nominations should be based on the accomplishments of the person during 2014-2015 (**except KJHS Achievement Award**). Nominators may be students, sponsors, or parents and other teachers who have had a close association with the program. Award categories are: **KJHS Leadership Award, KJHS Member of the Year, KJHS Youth Member of the Year and Sponsor of the Year**. Please refer to the enclosed award explanation sheet for award criteria.

I. Data

Award Category _____

Nominee _____ # Yrs. Active in KJHS _____

Nominator _____ # Yrs. Active in KJHS _____

Nominator's Relation to Nominee _____

Nominator's Phone Number/E-mail Address _____

II. Supporting Statement

Use this page and/or attach another sheet to explain why you believe the nominee is worthy of this award. Give specific examples and supporting facts (ex. Sue attended all club meetings and made and hung 10 posters during our membership drive).



**Annual Club Report
2014-2015**

Due: April 10, 2015

Mail to: KJHS, 100 West Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601

This form will be used to determine the **Club of the Year** and **Rookie of the Year** awards and to evaluate the KJHS program around the state.

Name of Chapter:	
School:	
Address:	
Number of Members:	Division:
Sponsor(s):	

Club Activities

How many meetings did you hold during the school year?

What was the best meeting of the year and why?

Describe your membership campaign for school year.

Describe any field trips taken by your club this year, including to KHS Archives Workshops. How many participated?



Describe how your club worked with community groups to promote KJHS and/or Kentucky history and heritage during the school year. List groups/activities:

Describe any other history-related projects/activities not already mentioned.

How many club members will attend the KJHS Conference this year? _____

Any questions/comments/concerns you would like to address to the state office?

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____



2015 Impromptu Exhibit Sign-Up

The exhibit competition will take place on Friday, April 24th at the **University of Kentucky, Barker Hall**
2:00pm-3:00pm – All Divisions

Note: Due to scheduling overlap, Junior and Senior division students who are participating in the Impromptu Exhibit Competition cannot sign-up for Kentucky History Bowl.

Categories

Elementary Division: Pioneer Kentucky Leaders

Junior Division: Kentucky Women and Leadership

Senior Division: Kentucky Political Leaders

Group Members:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Due April 10, 2015



2015 Kentucky History Bowl

Sign-Up

All preliminary and final rounds to be held **Friday, April 24th** at the **University of Kentucky, Barker Hall**

Elementary Division: 10:00am-10:45am

Junior and Senior Divisions: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Finals (all divisions): 4:00-5:00pm

Note: Due to scheduling overlap, students who are participating in Impromptu Composition cannot sign-up for Kentucky History Bowl.

Categories:

Elementary Division: Pioneer Kentucky Leaders

Junior Division: Kentucky Women and Leadership

Senior Division: Kentucky Political Leaders

Club: _____

Coach: _____

Division: _____

Team Members:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(Alternate) _____

Due April 10, 2015



2015 History Test Sign-Up

(Individual) – Tentatively to be held Friday, April 24, 2015; 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (All divisions)

Categories:

Elementary Division: Pioneer Kentucky Leaders

Junior Division: Kentucky Women and Leadership

Senior Division: Kentucky Political Leaders

Club: _____

NAME:

DIVISION:

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9. _____
10. _____

(add additional sheets if necessary)

Due April 10, 2015



2015 Impromptu Composition Sign-Up

(Individual)- Tentatively to be held Friday, April 24th, 2015 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This year questions will feature a related document that connects to the following themed events:

Categories

Elementary Division: Pioneer Kentucky Leaders

Junior Division: Kentucky Women and Leadership

Senior Division: Kentucky Political Leaders

Club: _____

NAME:

DIVISION:

11. _____

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19. _____

20. _____

(add additional sheets if necessary)

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53rd Annual KJHS Conference

(subject to change)

Friday, April 24, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Registration	
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Morning History Activities	
9:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m.	History Test – (All divisions)	
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	History Bowl – Elementary Division	
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies	
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided for students only)	
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Impromptu Composition (All divisions)	
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tour of UK Special Collections & Archives	
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Impromptu Exhibit Competition (All divisions)	
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	History Bowl (Junior and Senior divisions) Preliminary Rounds	
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	History Bowl Finals (all divisions)	
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner on own	
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	KJHS Evening Event	Henry Clay Estate



Saturday, April 25, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	National History Day in Kentucky Exhibit Set-up
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	NHDKy Student Check-In
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	NHDKy Exhibit judging
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	NHDKy Performance judging
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.	NHDKy Documentary judging
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.	NHDKy Web site judging
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	NHDKy Paper judging
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Public viewing of NHDKy exhibits
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	NHDKy Exhibit run-off (exhibit hall will be closed to the public)
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	NHDKy Exhibit take down
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Awards Ceremony



KJHS Conference Parking Information (All Activities take place at Barker Hall and the Classroom Building on Patterson Drive).

Friday Parking (see UK Campus Map – Friday Parking)

1. Busses will be able to drop students off on Administration Drive (off Limestone).
2. After dropping students off the campus requests that busses park at the Soccer Stadium lot off Wildcat Court (Marked on the map).
3. Please inform bus drivers that this parking lot is about 2 miles from where they will drop off and pick up students. Therefore, they may decide to park elsewhere, but this is the only spot that we are able to guarantee from the University. Alternatively, they can make arrangements to be picked up by someone with your school.
4. Those traveling by personal vehicle are able to park in the **Limestone Street Parking Garage** (Marked on the map). There is a cost per day associated with this garage.
5. There are a number of metered spots around the campus and free spots on some of the side streets.

Saturday Parking (see UK Campus Map – Saturday Parking)

1. Busses will be able to drop students off on Administration Drive (off Limestone).
2. After dropping students off busses will be able to park across the street behind the fire station.
3. Those traveling by personal vehicle are able to park in any lot marked as yellow or as E on the map (Be sure that you are looking at the Saturday parking map for yellow lots).
4. Do not park in any spot marked as residential, student, or reserved.
5. The **Limestone Street Parking Garage** will not be open on Saturday.



Exhibit Design Activity (to help prepare for the Impromptu Exhibit Competition at the KJHS Conference).

Objectives:

- Using touchable artifacts or primary source documents, students will work in small groups to develop an exhibit.
- Students will think about what kind of story their artifact(s) tell and how they will present that to the viewer.
- Students will develop a title, theme, and provide supporting evidence for their exhibit.

Activity: This activity can be adjusted to suit your class needs. You can use less objects or arrange your groups in different ways.

Part 1: Collect and Catalog (Critical Thinking)

Groups of 2-3 : 1-3 primary sources per group

- Students will imagine that they are creating an exhibit for a museum. They will need to begin with an analysis of their artifact(s) in order to determine where and how it will fit in their exhibit.
- Students will work together to answer basic questions about their artifact(s). They will have to work to come to a consensus about what they believe each artifact is.
- Record your responses.

Observation Questions:

- What is this? Identify the object.
- When, where and how was it made and/or used? How do you know?
- Who used it? Is this always the case?

Part 2: Interpret (Communication)

Groups of 5-6: 3-6 primary sources per group

- Using their now combined artifacts students will need to determine how their artifacts can relate to each other or how they differ.
- This will help them to determine how they want to use them in their exhibit.
- Use the following questions as guidelines. Record your answers.

Interpretation Questions:

- Are these things related? How?



- How are they different?
- Is there a common connection in the people who made or used them?
- Can anyone see other ways these things are related?

Part 3: Presentation (Collaboration and Creativity)

Groups of 5-6

- Students now need to put their artifacts together to form their exhibit: They should consider the following questions when arranging their artifacts.
 - What do you want the viewer to learn from your exhibit? About a group of people? A time period? A place?
 - What are some possible titles (themes) for the exhibition? Be creative and prepare to explain why audiences will want to visit your exhibition. What connections does it make with them?
 - What are 2-3 main points that you want to make with your exhibit? Which artifacts support those main points?
- Students will then be asked a few questions about their exhibit, such as:
 - Why did we do this?
 - What could we have done differently?